

REMARKS

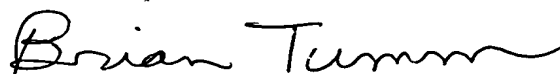
The decision on appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is noted. In view of the above amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

MPEP §1214.06(II) indicates that appellant need not file a reply when allowed claims are present in an application decided on appeal. This reply has been filed, however, to amend rejected Claim 1 to include the features of objected to Claim 2, which has been indicated as being allowable. Thus, amended Claim 1, along with Claims 3-6 and 9 dependent therefrom, are also believed allowable.

Claims 10-12 and 14-24 previously were indicated as being allowable and thus remain pending. Claims 2, 29 and 31-33 have been cancelled.

In view of the above amendments, reconsideration and allowance of pending Claims 1, 3-6, 9-12 and 14-24 is respectfully requested. No new issues have been presented, as the claims only have been amended to accept subject matter previously indicated as being allowable. Since the instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance, action toward that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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